

The SWORD of the LORD

Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

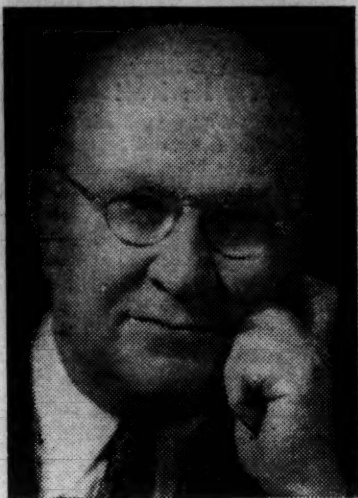
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Dr. H. A. Ironside

CROWNS OF REWARD FOR CHRISTIANS

By Dr. H. A. Ironside
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Dr. H. A. Ironside went to be with the Lord January 15, 1951 while on a preaching tour of New Zealand. He was for many years pastor of the great Moody Memorial Church in Chicago; one of the best known of fundamental Bible teachers and was besides a great gospel preacher.

There are two lines of truth very clearly distinguished in Scripture which are often confounded by those who do not read discriminately and who are not given to "rightly dividing the word of Truth." I refer to the subjects, "Salvation by Grace" and "Reward for Service." To the casual reader of the New Testament it sometimes seems as though there is apparent contradiction, when in one place we are distinctly told that we are saved by grace alone, apart from works, whereas, in another, we are just as clearly told that we are to be rewarded according to our works. It is only as we learn the mind of the Spirit in regard to these two very different lines of teaching that the soul is set free from self-occupation and given to know the blessedness of peace with God, on the ground of pure grace, thus leaving one free to serve in the happy knowledge that the *sin question* is forever settled, but that *service* is the outflow of a grateful heart to the One who has redeemed us, and yet that He, in His wondrous loving-kindness, takes note of everything we do for Him, and will reward accordingly.

At the very outset it may be well to link together a number of scriptures which present these various phases of truth. In Romans 4:3-5 we read:

"For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Here we learn that, just as Abraham was accounted righteous before God on the ground of faith alone, so today we who believe are justified from all our ungod-

putting God in our debt. If salvation is a reward for service, then, clearly, God would owe it to the one who faithfully performed whatever service He demanded, to save that soul in exchange for the good deeds done. This, of course, would not be grace. How different is the principle on which we are justified! It is "to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly." Nothing can be clearer than this, and yet how many have stumbled over it.

Now let us link with this Ephesians 2:8-10:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Here again we have the precious truth manifested, that salvation is altogether of grace through faith;

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SPIRIT-FILLED GOSPEL MUSIC

By Editor John R. Rice

"...but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."—Eph. 5:18, 19.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. once said in my hearing, "Everything beautiful really belongs to God. The only beautiful music the Devil has, he stole." The essentials of music are of divine origin as clearly as the essentials of chemistry and physics. The seven notes of the scale, with the first one repeated to make the octave, are a perfect thing which man did not create but which he discovered, just as man did not invent the law of gravity or the multiplication table.

Music Goes With Holy Spirit Anointing

Then the nearer man comes to God, the sweeter should be his music. And the Scripture tells us that to be filled with the Spirit puts music in the heart and part of the proper expression of the fullness of the Spirit is for one to speak to himself "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19).

Every Christian who is filled with the Spirit has music in the soul. Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs are the natural result of every great spiritual revival.

Once three kings, Jehoshaphat of Judah, with the kings of Israel and of Edom, went to the prophet, Elisha, to enquire of the Lord through him. Elisha said, "Now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, (Continued on page 2)

A Little Bit of Heaven

By Evangelist John Linton
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"Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house."—Luke 19:9.

A true Christian home is a little bit of Heaven. When home is what it should be, we have a heaven in which to go to Heaven.

It must have been a wonderful day for Zaccheus' wife when her husband brought Jesus home with him. No doubt she would hear He was coming and she would sweep the floor and dust the parlor and get the children ready for the Master's visit. That would be something to remember in after years—that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into their home, sat at their table, ate with them, prayed with them, blessed their little children, and then went away saying, "This day is salvation come to this house."

A true Christian home is such a happy place that I am not surprised that the Bible pictures Heaven as a home. Our loved ones gone before, we are told, are "at home with the Lord." It is a place of "many mansions," and there "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." What is that but a mother drying her bairn's tears—a picture of home.

Moody emphasized the place of the home when he said, "If the Sabbath goes, the Church goes; if the Church goes, the Home goes;

and when the Home goes, the Nation goes."

But if the home is to be like Heaven there are some conditions to be met. There are some homes in this city that are more like Hell than Heaven. Solomon said, "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house." He was a wise man! When a child of five was heard using profanity and was told to desist, he said, "Well! That's what my mother calls Daddy." God pity the child with a mother like that. Such a mother isn't fit to raise mud-turtles, much less boys and girls, made in the image of God.

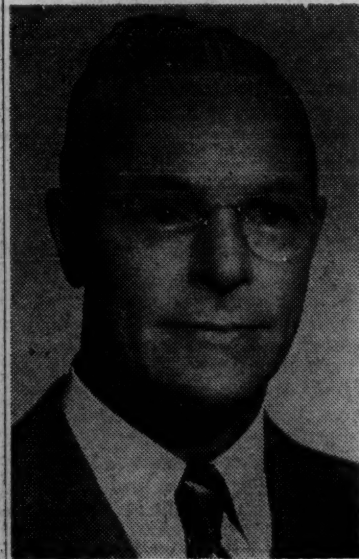
I hold that home life is the true criterion of man's character. The petty vexations of home life will reveal the weakness of a man's character sooner than anything else. A Christian man might speak or pray in church and from what he says you would think it would have to be a giant temptation that would overthrow him; but if you saw him at home looking under

the bed for a lost collar button you would never think he was the same man.

How can we make our homes like Heaven? I would answer,

1. Begin Right

I am happy to see scores of young people in this large audience. The young people of today are the homemakers of tomorrow. If every Christian young man and woman would earnestly ponder the words of Scripture, "Be not un- (Continued on page 4)



Dr. John Linton

A Thousand Preachers for Every Sinner

By Dr. Lee Roberson
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"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof."—Prov. 1:24-30.

It has been said that in our nation we have one preacher for every five hundred people. If everyone were a true servant of God, this is not too many. The hope of this nation is for God-called men to stand day after day and call men to repentance and faith in Christ. But, alas, though it seems that we have many preachers, there are but a few who are Spirit-filled, separated from the world, and zealous for souls.

But God has more than one preacher for every five hundred people. As we study this message, we will see that He has a thousand and more preachers for every sinner. God has innumerable ways whereby He speaks to men about eternity. On every hand there are voices calling men to prepare to meet God.

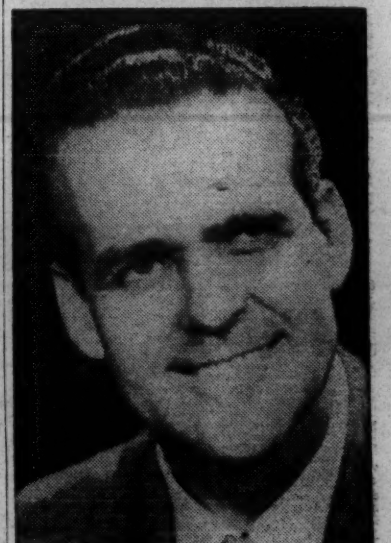
Now, as we look into the Scripture reading for this message, we find three outstanding points.

I. The Love of God

No one can read the Bible without being aware of the fact that God loves men. As we read we also see that God is doing all that

He can to call sinners unto Himself.

He says, "I have called." Here is the love of God to call men unto Himself. He says, "Come, for all (Continued on page 9)



Dr. Lee Roberson



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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay



Now he which... hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1:21,22

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Spirit-filled Gospel Music

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that the hand of the Lord came upon him" (II Kings 3:15). He commanded the king to make the valley full of ditches and promised that God would fill them with water for the thirsting armies; and it came to pass. Elisha found the will of God better when he heard sweet music. Music has an affinity for the Spirit-filled heart.

When King Saul was anointed king and met a company of prophets playing with psaltery and tabret and pipe and harp, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him (I Sam. 10:5-10). Later when King Saul was troubled with the evil spirit and downcast, the boy David was brought before him to play beautifully upon the harp and the evil spirit departed and Saul was well (I Sam. 16:14-23). Oh, what power there is in Spirit-filled music to bless the heart and bring people to noble decisions and to faith and joy!

You see, the fullness of the Spirit goes with glad gospel songs. The right kind of singing tends toward the attitude of heart in which the Spirit of God can come upon His people in power. And the fullness of the Spirit encourages always the best in sweet music.

Spiritual Music Helps in Holy Decisions

Years ago I preached in a revival campaign in a town forty miles southwest of Fort Worth, Texas. B. B. McKinney, now music editor of Southern Baptist S. S. Board, blessed and anointed song writer, led the singing for the services. He and I were guests in the same home. But in the midst of

the revival, when great crowds attended and many were being saved, I was stricken with tonsillitis. My fever mounted high, my throat was sore, it seemed impossible to preach. I prayed much and was able to preach that night, but the next day my fever rose high again and my inflamed throat made it seem impossible for me to go on with the revival services. Brother McKinney and the pastor and I prayed together. Then I said to my beloved brother:

"Brother Mac, if you will sing for me I'll trust the Lord and I believe He will give me faith to get well. Sing Paul Rader's chorus, 'Only Believe.'"

McKinney sang it sweetly, and with the blessing of God upon it. "Sing it again!" I said. Again he sang.

"Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe; Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe."

My heart reached out in faith for God. I said to Brother Mac, "Sing it again, please!" And he sang it again.

Over and over in our room together that good man of God sang the chorus and I prayed. After some long time the blessed Spirit of God gave me assurance that our prayer was heard. And sure enough, before the day was gone my fever was gone also. I went to the pulpit, preached with ease and with great power that night and many were saved, and thank God I was not hindered more during that campaign by my tonsillitis.

This is only an illustration that God's Holy Spirit has an affinity for sweet music and that we ought to use his holy means of grace and means of blessing to stir hearts, to help people to trust in Christ, to help Christians to lay all on the altar.

It is this divinely-given principle that leads us to have an invitation song when we urge sinners to step out and claim Christ as Saviour. How many millions of people have found Christ as they sang some of these blessed invitations like

"I will arise and go to Jesus,
 He will embrace me in His arms;
 In the arms of my dear Saviour,
 Oh, there are ten thousand charms."

Or,

"Just as I am, without one plea,
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come!"

Others have come to Christ as they sang "Almost Persuaded," or "I Am Resolved No Longer to Linger," or "If You Are Tired of the Load of Your Sin, Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart." Singing in the Spirit, with the moving of the Spirit of God upon hearts, helps in an invitation.

How careful we ought to be that the singing in all of our services pleases God. The idea of hiring worldly and even unconverted people to sing God's praises in the public services is abhorrent to the spiritual mind. Special music is good, provided the singers are filled with the Holy Spirit. In the public song service there ought to be a constant stress on the fact that one cannot properly sing praises to Christ who does not love Him with all the heart, and who does not have the Spirit of God singing in the heart. It is as much a work of the Holy Spirit to help people sing as it is to help the preacher preach or to help the personal soul winner deal with a sinner.

Many times in a night of prayer I have found it wise to start a little song or a chorus which has a pleading note of prayer. Sometimes people can pray all the better when the words of the prayer have music. Whether it is "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus I Come, Jesus I Come," or "Have Thine Own Way, Lord, Have Thine Own Way" or "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," or the chorus, "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me," we ought to let the blessed Holy Spirit use music in all of our churches to bring people to decision, to bring people to faith, to bring people to surrender—both the saints of God who need some forward step in the Christian life, some victory, some help, and the lost sinner who needs to come to Christ for salvation.

Great Gospel Music Comes From Great Revivals

It is a striking thing that nearly all the great gospel music was written in times of great revival. Think of the Charles Wesley and Isaac Watt hymns which we connect with the Wesleyan revivals. Think of the music of Ira D. Sankey, P. P. Bliss and others collected in the books used in the great Moody revivals and still much used in England and Canada. Remember the Torrey-Alexander revivals and the great music that came out of those revivals collected now principally in the Tabernacle Hymns, No's 1 to 4 and other books put out by Tabernacle Publishing Company. Remember the Charles H. Gabriel and B. D. Ackley songs and all the others collected by Rodeheaver and Hall-Mack, which grew out of the Billy Sunday campaigns.

It is time again for us to pray that God will anoint song writers. It is time for great soul-winning preachers to give their attention to the writing of poems for gospel songs. These are the beginning days of great revival. There is great need for Spirit-filled song leaders, men as dedicated, as unselfish, as full of faith and zeal for souls as the evangelists. May God lay His hand on many a young man who reads this and lead him out into

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Editor's Notes

Hello everywhere, readers of THE SWORD, friends who love the soul-winning work, and who pray for us of the Sword Staff. I am on a Pennsylvania train with my dictating machine plugged in in a roomette. It is 11:40 a.m., Monday, August 27. We are approaching Gary, where I will leave the train, and be met by Mrs. Rice. We will go home, driving around the south end of Chicago sixty miles to Wheaton. With three hours there to rush off last copy for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, then I will return to Hammond, Indiana, and preach, God willing, tonight. For seven nights I will be speaking at Christian Fellowship Church, Rev. Sam McDill, pastor. They have entered their new church and I am glad to help them celebrate with a week of soul-winning effort. But I will need to spend the days at home in the office, catching up the best I can after three weeks' absence, and will drive to Hammond at night for the services. May God give us souls!

Nine Days at Central Manor Camp Meeting

I have just spent nine days at the Central Manor Camp Meeting and Bible Conference, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The services are sponsored by the Church of God, the group started by Winebrunner, and is entirely separate from the Church of God denomination with headquarters at Anderson, Indiana, and the denomination with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. We had sweet fellowship with Rev. Andrew Telford, pastor famous Berachah Church, Philadelphia, with Rev. William Dean of the Philadelphia Bible Institute, and with Evangelist Joe Miller of Harrisburg, all with me on the program. The song leading was by my good friend, Rev. Archie McGilvray, pastor in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Crowds were very large. They were principally from Church of God groups in eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland. However, many other groups of Evangelical and United Brethren, Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Baptists, and Independents came from far and near. People were present not only from Pennsylvania, but from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York state. A large proportion of those attending were ministers. We had blessed freedom in the pulpit. These people liked the old-time gospel, and I believe many

of them got new fire for soul winning and revival. The other good men on the program were blessed of God and I enjoyed their ministry and their sweet fellowship. Officials of the camp were wonderfully kind to me. I am invited back next year for the third time. This year was the largest attendance in the fifty-nine-years' history of the camp. Their fifty-seven cottages, fifty tents, and a boarding house were all full and some desiring accommodations had to be turned away. Many hundreds of people, probably a total of thousands, altogether, drove in for the evening and Sunday services. More accommodations will be provided for next year, God willing.

Christian Workers, Prepare for Revival!

A deep burden is laid on my soul to help stir up Christians to win souls, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to come to the Bible with new devotion and joy for God's blessed message. I hope that every SWORD OF THE LORD family will plan to attend some of these great conferences on revival and soul winning which are planned next year. Three are planned in the summer, at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia; at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Ground, near Aquilla, Texas; at the Baptist State Assembly Ground, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Besides, I am already promised to speak at three other assemblies next summer. Then we will have, God willing, some wintertime conferences intended especially for Christian workers, with the object of teaching soul winning, teaching how to have revivals, and how to know and love and master and use the Word of God. If we are to have revival in America with great multitudes won to Christ, then Christian workers must get ready for it. I beg you, plan now to be in some such conferences.

I do not mean just so-called "Bible conferences." Many of these are led and addressed by men who never win souls. Often the discussions are on abstract themes of prophecy, like the Antichrist, the tribulation, signs of Christ's coming, etc. I believe they many times help to satisfy dead and dull Christians and help them to rationalize excuses for not winning souls. Bible conferences have done great good, but a conference that does not stress the main thing, the thing Jesus died for, the thing the Great Commission commands of every Christian, is not adequate to prepare for revival. In Christ's name let us seek God's power and devote ourselves to God's business, and be cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit afresh for soul-winning work. Plan now for some such week of heart searching, inspiration, Bible study with reference to soul winning and the power of the Holy Spirit and revival, and waiting on God in prayer.

"What Do We Have to Do to Get Such a Conference in Oklahoma?"

That is what a beloved brother said to us at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. His lips were trembling.

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

We get so many wonderful letters from so many wonderful people that we often wish that all of our friends could get the blessing that comes to us from reading some of these letters. I have just received the following letter that has touched me very deeply:

"I am enclosing a bank money order in the amount of \$100. There are many, many places I could give this money—good, worthy causes—but I know that the dividends will be great for the Lord if I give it to the Student Loan Endowment Fund of Bob Jones University."

"This gift comes to you from a little money I received on the passing of my sister less than two years ago. She herself made donations to the University and received THE FELLOWSHIP NEWS for a long time. I feel this gift is more her gift than mine since she has made it possible."

"I am glad the Fund is striding along. Any work done to glorify God receives His bless-

ing. So, of course, you will reach your million-dollar goal."

Now, I know that there are many of you people who could send without any great sacrifice \$100 for the Student Loan Endowment Fund. Some of you could do more. There are, however, many of our truest Christian friends who are not able to make a large contribution; but all of them can send some amount. Just remember that we are not going to let you have any rest until you come on and give us that million dollars we are raising. If every one of you who reads this appeal will just do the best you can without any great sacrifice to help us financially, it will not take long to get the million dollars. We are counting on you. Don't let us down, and don't forget to pray for us and for Bob Jones University. Thank you and God bless you.

BOB JONES, Founder
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BLESSINGS AND BURDENS of Sword Free Literature Fund

By Editor John R. Rice

The way the Lord is blessing the Sword free literature is a matter for heartfelt praise! On every hand come words telling of blessings received through this free literature, along with heartfelt entreaty for more of it. May the dear Lord help us to meet all the needs.

Right now in Wheaton the presses are running on a 400,000 lot of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in English. These will cost us approximately \$3,000, printed on our own press. It took some days to catch up with the 40,000 copies which had already been ordered. Now we have plenty for your orders and hope that thousands of you will buy them to distribute in your own community. The price is \$2.00 per hundred.

If you cannot pay for them, and will pledge yourself to give the booklets only to those who promise to read them, and will accompany the booklet given with earnest personal work, we will send copies free. But in that case you must sign a definite pledge each time you order free copies. We are glad to help to get them out to people who want the booklet and will read it. If you want to give copies of the booklet some other way, then buy them at this reasonable rate which covers packing and postage.

An Urgent Appeal From Portugal

We reported in THE SWORD OF THE LORD some time ago that Dr. Fred Jarvis, enroute home from Japan, came by India and Portugal and found a great need for gospel literature. In Portugal there was such concern that he pledged that he would try to see that \$500 was provided to start simply a free literature work in Portugal, of reputable, Scriptural literature making plain the plan of salvation which could be given far and wide by missionaries of a number of orthodox missionary societies and mission boards.

Since that time we have had a fine letter from Missionary John J. Oliveira, missionary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Chicago, who is translating my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and have heard from other missionaries.

Now comes a fine letter signed by nine foreign missionaries of seven mission boards, earnestly pleading that we help them with free literature and guaranteeing that the work will be carefully and economically managed, and that we will have proper reports on it.

First, let me give the letter of Missionary Magnus Foreid, chairman of the Portugal Field Committee of The Evangelical Alliance Mission. He enclosed the other letter.

"Dear Dr. Rice:
"Greetings in Jesus' precious name!

"Thank you very much for all your good work with regard to

your splendid paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, which I receive and which I like very, very much. I hope I shall be able to influence others in Portugal with regard to subscribing for this good Christian weekly paper.

"Enclosed you will please find a letter signed by a goodly number of missionaries working in Portugal and representing various groups. This means that any funds that you may send for the publication of your tract or booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' will be carefully handled and that the tracts will get into the hands of the people if the Lord tarries. We are in great need of tracts and that right now. Thank you for anything that you will be able to do for needy Portugal.

"Yours in the Master's service,
"(Signed) Magnus Foreid
"Chairman, Portugal Field Committee

"The Evangelical Alliance Mission"

Now read the letter from the nine missionaries who are members of a literature and publication committee.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"As missionaries in Portugal we are keenly aware of the tremendous lack of good Christian literature in this land. Some time ago Dr. Fred Jarvis visited Portugal and it was a great privilege for some of us to meet him. He is greatly interested in getting good Christian literature into the hands of the people of Portugal. He has called our attention to your splendid tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and has encouraged us to write to you. We believe that this tract can be a great blessing in Portugal and if you should be in a position to supply us with funds for a nation-wide distribution we shall be deeply grateful to you.

"The need for good gospel tracts and Christian literature in Portugal is great indeed. There are hundreds of unevangelized towns and villages where we must bring the gospel. We sincerely believe that your good booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' can be used in this country to the salvation of many precious souls who are now in spiritual darkness. Portugal is open now for a wide distribution of Christian literature. How long these doors of opportunity will remain open we do not know. The future is uncertain. We must work while it is day. Now is the time for action!

"We, the undersigned missionaries working in Portugal, constitute the members of a literature

Share YOUR Sword

and publication committee which is an inter-mission project and represents various foreign missions working in Portugal. As a committee we shall count it a great privilege to supervise the translation, publication and the careful distribution of your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' Any funds that you may send us for the publication of this tract will be carefully and prayerfully used for this purpose. We hope that later on we shall also have the privilege of publishing some of your good books.

"Yours in Christ's service,
"(Signed) Magnus Foreid—The Evangelical Alliance Mission (Chairman Portugal Field Committee)

"Samuel D. Faircloth—Youth for Christ International

"John J. Oliveira—Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Chicago, Illinois

"G. August Ramsland—The Evangelical Alliance Mission

"C. Luke Baugher, Jr.—The Evangelical Alliance Mission

"Frank Smith—Brethren Assemblies

"Paulo Vallon—British and Foreign Bible Society

"Colin W. Bowker—Independent (Pentecostal)

"Lazetiahlberg—Assemblies of God"

We believe that this is a great opportunity to get out the gospel and we shall earnestly try to send our first offering for this free literature in Portugal very soon. Those who feel burdened about this opportunity and wish to help may send their offerings to the Sword Free Literature Fund.

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"
Booklets in Nigeria, Africa

A nice letter comes from Missionary C. F. Beitzel which I want to share with readers.

"Dear Dr. Rice,

"The booklets have arrived safely, 1000 of them, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I am so grateful to you. I anticipate great pleasure in distributing them in days to come. I shall carry them in my jeep on my daily rounds of these hundreds of places and dispose of them along with the Hausa literature. I have also the Arabic.

"Herewith a check for \$25 as a gift to your work—I know no amount of money could pay for this good booklet.

"I shall translate this into Hausa in the coming months and will send you a copy of it in that language when it is printed. I am already looking around for a printer. I am also trying to find out from other missionaries as to how many may be needed.

"With all good wishes and prayers for your great work. I enjoy the SWORD OF THE LORD very much these days.

"Sincerely,
"(Signed) C. F. Beitzel"

Note that Brother Beitzel will translate this booklet into the Hausa language and will contact other missionaries to see how many copies may be needed. I hope we can help them further in this good work.

If a missionary sends \$25 to help in this good work, I know that we who are at home with much better income ought to earnestly invest in getting out the gospel with them.

We have an earnest request from an educated native in South Africa that he be allowed to translate our literature into Afrikaans, the native language in South Africa. I have given my permission and have sent him several free books which were not available in Africa, along with a copy of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

I have also given permission for translation of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" into the Sesuto dialect. Where natives and where missionaries earnestly labor and give of their meager income to spread the

How Well Do You Know EVANGELISTIC SINGERS?

By Grace Rice MacMullen

Here are three clues about each of six leading evangelistic song leaders. You get three points if you guess right on the first clue, two points on the second and one point if it takes all three! Even if you don't get any points, you'll still learn a lot about revival singers.

Answers on page seven

(1) A singer who has had the unusual distinction of working with Billy Sunday, Biederwolf, and Mel Trotter in evangelistic work—the latter for 19 years.

(2) Coming from the hills of the South, he has a God-given talent for fitting words with music and has composed many gospel songs.

(3) He was assistant to the great D. B. Towner at Moody Institute and to Dr. P. W. Philpott at Moody Church. Became head of Music Department at Moody, then into work with service men during World War II.

(1) A native of Australia with unusual pianistic abilities, he traveled with R. A. Torrey around the world.

(2) His sense of humor and weakness for playing practical jokes often aroused the wrath of the evangelist. Once, when asked to give a testimony before the message, he gave the complete outline of the evangelist's sermon! Torrey had to change his topic and said later, "That wasn't a joke; it was a theft."

(3) He composed over 2000 gospel songs including "Shadows," "Sometimes," "Why Should He Love Me So," etc. He conducts correspondence courses in hymn playing.

(1) A young man of beautiful voice and leadership, he was converted at the age of 16. He started the first choir in his church in Pennsylvania, despite much criticism.

(2) D. L. Moody heard him in 1870 at the Y. M. C. A. convention at Indianapolis, Ind., and told him at once, "I've been looking for you for eight years! You're coming to help me in my work in Chicago."

(3) In 1873 he went to England with Moody, and had part in great revivals all over that country. During this evangelistic tour he composed the music for "The Ninety and Nine." He sang with great emotion and blessing.

gospel, surely we ought to help them.

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"
Published in Tamil Language, India

From Madras, South India, missionary Thomas P. Stuart wrote us in June, sending samples of our booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" written by this editor, as printed in the Tamil language in India. I had asked for detailed prices and information. He wrote, "Now the prices of everything in India are raising by leaps and bounds. So, dear Father, please, don't wonder at the too much cost of printing materials. Even every page of an English article may become twice or thrice the size of the former when it is translated into Tamil." Then he wrote me later, the 25th of June, saying:

"My beloved Pastor,

"Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Just a few days ago I was much pleased to receive yours. . . My heart leaps with joy to understand that your loving heart is still burdened with the thought of publishing your most important tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' into the Tamil language in order to win those superstitious, idolatrous and poor heathens of India.

"Souls are hungry in India and the doors are wide open. By God's grace we must enlarge our work in India in every way we can. We trust God to carry us forward more rapidly than ever in bringing the gospel to hungry and

(1) A young man not noted for his solo work, but exceptionally gifted in working with choirs and great audiences. Born in Meadow, Tennessee, 1867, he died in his home, "Tennessee," in Birmingham, England, 1920.

(2) After working with the Cherokee Indians in the Smoky Mountains, he went to Moody Bible Institute for training. He traveled with several other evangelists before his one-time teacher, R. A. Torrey, chose him to lead the singing for campaigns in Australia, Japan and China.

(3) Noted for his use of "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "The Glory Song." His name is famous in connection with those of R. A. Torrey and J. Wilbur Chapman, both of whom he accompanied on numerous round-the-world tours.

(1) This evangelistic singer also worked with a number of evangelists, including Bill Fife, Sam Jones, George Stewart and George C. Needham. He had 23 years' experience before he met the man whose life and name was finally linked with his for the blessing of thousands.

(2) In 1912 he led the singing for a revival in Waco, Texas, with Evangelist Mordecai F. Ham. He compiled many song books and led singing in cities all over the South during his 33 years with Ham.

(3) Ham said of him, "His uncanny intuition and remarkable sense of humor was always an effective counterbalance to my preaching. When I would be romping hard and heavy on the crowd and have them so mad that they could chew me in two, Mr. —'s intuition of their feeling would prompt him to a bit of foolishness which would throw the audience into a gale of laughter and ease the tension so that I could continue 'taking off hide.' Many times he has gotten up from one side of the platform, where he was sitting, picked up his chair and walked to the other with the dry remark, 'That side is getting too hot.' The religious world mourned when he died in August, 1948.

(1) A young man with a trombone, fresh from the hills, who became one of the leading revival singers of his day.

(2) Traveled for twenty years with Billy Sunday.

(3) Nicknamed "Rody," he is well known now for his immense music publishing business at Wipona Lake, Indiana.

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thirsty souls in needy India. We shall, with your help, see more precious souls brought to the Lord.

"Dearly beloved Pastor, I am awfully interested in the soul-winning campaign and the plan you have just scheduled. And I thank our adorable Lord Jesus Christ who enabled me to take part with you in His vineyard by publishing the very instrument of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' into Tamil. The result is very good. Please keep on praying for the above work and please ask our friends to pray for me.

"God bless you and your loved ones abundantly without measure. 'Yours very faithfully in His cause,'

"(Signed) Thomas P. Stuart"

He enclosed an estimate from the Amirtha Press, for printing 50,000 copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" with cover, but with unbleached paper, the cost 2955 rupees, equal to \$650. We hope to send this amount of money soon, if God provides it.

Results and Needs for Free Literature in Japan

We keep hearing wonderful words about how God is using the free literature which we are providing in Japan.

Missionary Jess L. Pedigo writes us a letter dated July 8.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

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A Little Bit of Heaven

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equally yoked together with unbelievers," it would save them from many a heartache and keep them from what often happens when this command is disobeyed—spiritual disaster. The meaning of the command is plain. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Every person is either for or against the Son of God. If not a confessed follower of Jesus Christ, it is because a man will not let Christ rule his life. How can home life be as sweet as God intends it to be when one is a friend and the other is an enemy of Christ?

A young lady once came to her pastor and said: "Pastor, I am to

be married next week. I wish you could come around to our house Wednesday evening and marry us."

He said, "Are you marrying this young man with whom you have been keeping company?"

She said, "Yes."

He said, "Well, I cannot marry you."

She was greatly surprised and said, "Why not?"

"Because you are a child of God and he is a man of the world, and I am forbidden to marry you."

"Well," she said, "I think it is very strange if my pastor will not marry me."

He said, "I will marry you if you will marry in the Lord. I will

be glad to do so, but I will not take the responsibility of joining you for life to a man who is not a Christian."

She found another minister and was married according to programme. Within a year she was a heartbroken bride and came to the pastor saying, "O Pastor, if I had only known!" She might better have said, "If I had only obeyed," for she did know. What she lacked was a disposition to obey.

How dare young people establish their homes without Christ and assume the awful responsibility of parenthood without God! Better send an ocean liner out on the Atlantic without rudder or compass, a certain prey to the storms, than to start a home and bring children into this life without Christ in the home.

I speak that I do know. The first wedding ceremony I performed was between a Christian young woman and an unsaved man. I knew I should not marry them, but I did not have the courage of the pastor just mentioned. I married them. Six months afterwards I saw that young woman stand up in a public service in her church, and with tears in her eyes and a broken heart she told how her life was ruined by her disobedience to God. She said she had asked God to forgive her, and now she asked the church to forgive her—and they did. But she said her life was ruined because she was tied up for life to a drunkard!

If a young woman cannot influence a young man to accept Jesus Christ before marriage how does she expect to do it afterwards? Imagine a girl marrying a man to reform him. Poor, silly thing! He would not marry you to reform you. To all young women contemplating such a step I commend the advice of Dr. Mahood: "If you are going to marry a man to reform him, you should first take in washing for two or three months in order to get used to

what is coming later on."

Whenever I enter a home where only one heart beats true to Jesus Christ, I always see hanging over the doorway of that home the dark shadow of eternal separation. Oh, what a tragedy! Wife on one side of the cross, Husband on the other; Mother on one side, Son on the other; Sister on one side, Brother on the other. What a skeleton in the family cupboard! What a cloud upon the sunshine of the home! If that cloud rests on your home, my friend, I entreat you let the Son of God dispel it this very hour. To have a home like Heaven, begin right.

2. Open Your Home to Jesus Christ

Zaccheus' home was like Heaven that day because Jesus was there and welcome; and if you open the door of your home to Jesus Christ, He will come in and make it heavenly. During the last week of the earthly life of the Son of God, in the storm that was gathering around Him and which every day seemed to grow blacker, there was one star that shone out in the darkness, and that star was a home in the little town of Bethany. We read that there was a woman named Martha who received Him into her house. When a universal hiss was going up against Him, there was one home that was open to Jesus Christ. Now it must have cost Martha something to do that. Jesus was very unpopular. Perhaps she lost social position. Perhaps they had to put some things out of the home before Jesus could come in. But they paid the price, they opened their home to Christ, and that home became a little bit of Heaven because of it.

Here is a picture of what would happen if Jesus came into some homes. Jesus knocks at the door. It is a little while before the door opens because the woman sees from the window that it is Jesus,

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THE REASONS WHY

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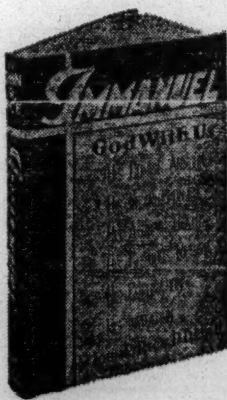
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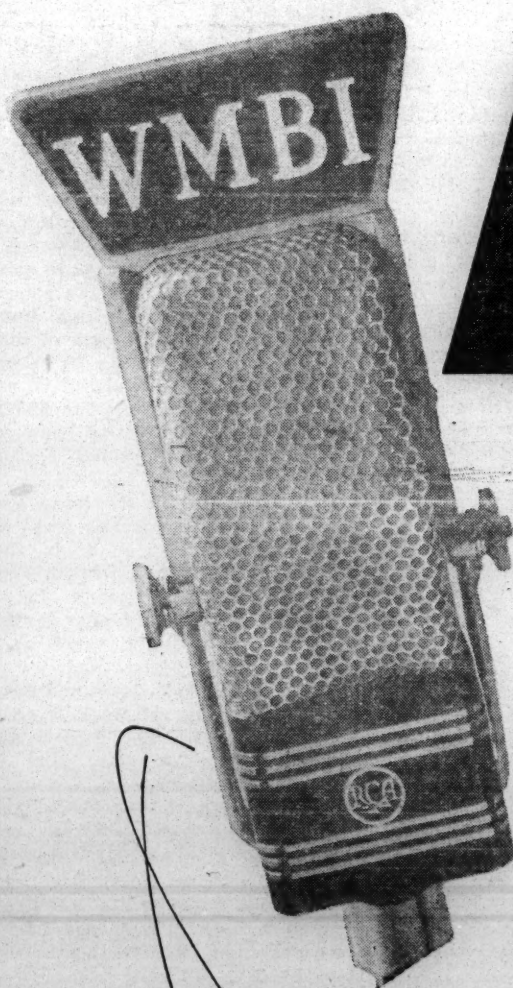
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By the Editor

Winn in California

Evangelist Douglas Winn reports 10 conversions and 32 family altars established during his recent series of meetings in the Bethany Baptist Church of Bellflower, California. They broke the Sunday School attendance record during the campaign.

Community-Wide Revival in Mountain View, Missouri

On Sunday night, July 22nd, a great Community-Wide Revival sponsored by the Methodist and Assembly of God Churches of Mountain View, Missouri, came to a close in a blaze of Glory, according to Rev. Jesse James and Rev. L. A. Hebbeler, local pastors of the churches.

Evangelist G. P. Comer of Dallas, Texas, approved evangelist of the Methodist Church, was the leader of this campaign. The town of Mountain View and the surrounding community was shaken and many attended from other towns in Missouri.

There were over 50 conversions and reclamations, with 30 people joining the churches. Fifty-five individuals pledged to erect family altars and 9 young people pledged themselves for life service, and 2,842 chapters were read in the Bible.

Evangelist Comer went from Mountain View to Pembroke, Kentucky, July 29 through August 12, and from there to Cleveland, Texas, near Houston, for a campaign under his large tent, for a community-wide meeting from August 19 through September 2.

Chapman Revival "the Talk of the Town"

Pastor J. H. Edward Mayfield, pastor First Baptist Church, Sedalia, Kentucky, writes the editor after a revival held by Evangelist Kenneth Chapman:

"...I would like to report the revival a successful one. The Lord used Brother Chapman in a fine inspirational way.

"He brought some of the most

inspiring sermons that became the talk of the town. One man said (who had not been coming) 'I have heard so much about his preaching, I am going to come hear him for myself.' His business was right in town where he could hear the street talk.

"There were others who had not been in the church since I had been pastor, who, when they got started, came regularly. There were a number saved and others came bringing their church letters, also rededications and family altars.

Having two Sundays in the revival, our Sunday school broke a five-year record the first Sunday, a ten-year record the second Sunday. The church is on a high spiritual plane. I will highly recommend Brother Chapman to any pastor or to a city-wide campaign for that matter. The Lord really uses Brother Chapman to bring the lost to Christ and bless the church."

Pastor Thanks God for Wagner-Stoutenborough Team

Pastor Jack Stanton writes THE SWORD OF THE LORD:

"The Carpenter Street Baptist Church of Moberly, Missouri, thanks God for the ministry of Evangelist Eddie Wagner and Song Leader James Stoutenborough. Brother Eddie is no fly-by-night evangelist, but he plows deep, plants well and harvests wisely.

"During the two weeks of meeting, literally scores of people re-consecrated their lives... Thirty-five confessed faith in Christ, thirty-two of them united with our church by baptism, the other three joined other churches. Eight came on promise of a letter and one by statement.

"Wonderful as the statistics are, we do not feel that this tells the whole story of the revival. Six times during the revival, we saw husband and wife step out and come down the aisle together surrendering to Christ in salvation or

Blessings and Burdens

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"According to your instructions I contacted Mr. McVety and we discussed the tract situation. Mr. McVety is heartily in favor of this type of ministry and has promised thirty thousand of the booklet 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and a hundred thousand, 'The Way of Life Made Plain.' These tracts I hope to use in the next two weeks in the areas around Tokyo. I shall try to make it in the least enlightened areas.

else reconsecrating their lives and joining the church.

"We feel as if every phase of our church life has been strengthened by this meeting and we commend and recommend Brother Eddie Wagner and James Stoutenborough as faithful workers for the Lord, willing to do anything and everything that would help strengthen the saints or save the sinners."

Presnell Evangelistic Party in Grand Junction, Colorado

July 1 through 29 the Rainbow Evangelistic party, with Evangelist Tom Presnell and Sam Hood, were with the Fruitvale Baptist Church in Grand Junction, Colorado. The campaign was held in the new 40 x 100 ft. portable tabernacle which the evangelist recently donated to the local group. Crowds were especially good for the western country and a goodly number of souls were saved.

"Recently the American Soul Clinic sent twenty-five or more missionaries into Kyushu. They went in cold. No language, no knowledge of the people, not an automobile, no wealth. They have a strong belief in the living God and the power of the Spirit of God to change lives. As you probably know, the Soul Clinic specializes in personal work and I know that hits your heart. These folks believe that God is big enough to help them. So do I. I have a fine jeep sound truck and a trailer that is also a sound truck. I have No. 1 equipment and a testimony that attracts. I was a prisoner of war here for three and a half years. I traveled with Dr. Jarvis here for a time. I want to go down and work with these folks and give them a start, get churches started and get converts grounded and winning souls. I want to sow the living seed of the Word and I feel that it is necessary for me to give myself and my undivided attention to this neglected area during this summer and fall.

"So far in reply to my appeal I have received or been promised about 200,000 tracts. This is not enough. This can barely supply the need for the present work. In a few minutes last night I gave out almost a thousand tracts by myself. I am still crying out for at least a million in one sum that can be shipped down to Kyushu and to the missionaries down

there. Their homes will be the starting points of the campaigns and the base of supplies. When I ask for a million tracts I do not feel that I am being selfish. I am asking for myself and twenty-five others and for a million people crying out for our Saviour.

"A campaign with less tracts would be a waste of time and effort. The need is tremendous there. I realize that a million good tracts that give the plan of salvation cost a great deal of money but I know that God is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory.

"Your grateful servant,
"(Signed) Jess L. Pedigo"

Brother Pedigo would like to have a million copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and could give them out in a few months' time. But we know that a million copies of these booklets, given out to eager hearts in Japan, would result in thousands of people turning to trust in Christ as Saviour, according to the results of our previous printings there. It would cost close to \$8,000. Who wants to invest in these immortal souls so hungry for the truth?

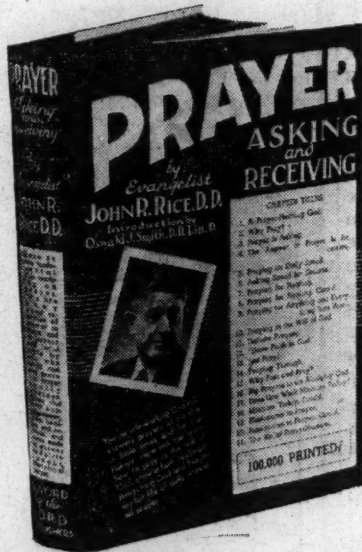
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Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson



Candles are used all over the world, but there are no candles in Heaven. In Revelation 22:5 we are told, "They need no candle." In many churches candles are used as a part of the religious service but the time is coming when candles will not be permitted in any church in the world. This is distinctly affirmed in Revelation 18:23. Candle light was the earliest artificial light spoken of in the Scriptures. In Job 18:6 Bildad said, "His candle shall be put out with him." Very often by sages and by poets human life has been compared to the burning of a candle. How beautifully Edward Henry Bickersteth described the ebbing of his own life as he dreamed the story. "The lamp that hung suspended in my chamber slowly paled and flickered in its socket." The burning flame consumes the wax and as the taper wears down shorter and shorter we know that the end is near. So it is in life. The flame shines brightly but the life shortens and finally the candle flickers awhile, flutters, and sputters for a moment and then the light is extinguished for ever. This seems to be the thought that Bildad had in his statement.

The candle is sometimes used as a type of the testimony of the life. Job seems to use it so in his book, chapter 21 verse 17. Oftentimes the wicked flourish. They develop great gifts for men. They shed light upon many important matters pertaining to human comforts. They invent and devise means for human blessing. They neglect the light of life, Christ Jesus; their candle burns dim and they go out in the dark.

David on the other hand uses the candle as a type of his own blessing and usefulness to men. So in Psalm 18:28 he said, "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

Candles are made in all sizes, shapes and colors. Strangely enough, no matter what color the candle is, the light is always the same color. Herein we see the beautiful picture of the testimony of God's people out of every country, kindred and community. The gospel story by the black man is just the same as that which is told by the white evangelist. The Chinese preacher gives the same sweet message of grace as the Hindu convert. The red man of the plains gives the same message as his black brother across the sea. No matter what the color of the candle, it is the same beautiful light of the gospel that shines forth.

Very large candles are made with large wicks that they may give greater light. David Brainerd was such a candle and so was Carey, Hudson Taylor, Moorehouse, Moody and Finney. God gave these men wide vision, a great grasp of His Word and a deep desire for lost souls. Other candles are smaller, they do not give out as great a light but in their measure they give out as good a light. There are wee tiny candles which are placed upon the Birthday Cake. Did not our Lord say, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength"? (Psa. 8:2).

It is the heart of the candle that burns. We apply the match to the wick which is the very center of the candle. Our hearts, too, must be touched before we will give out light for men. Most education does not touch the heart. Much of our Christian training in colleges and seminaries leaves the heart cold and unmoved. It is in the heart that the flame must be kindled if other lives are to find their way to the Savior's feet. In shining for others, however, we shall consume ourselves.

Do you remember that there were candles in the great banquet hall where Belshazzar held his feast? The writing on the wall was against the candle sticks. God has

always made sure that His message is placed where men can read it plainly. The candle is a human product. It is made by men's hands. It was designed by men's minds. It burns out with the using. God will have no candles in Heaven because in that blessed place the light of men's minds is not needed, and the product of men's brains are excluded. All the light of Heaven is that which emanates from Himself and from the Lamb.

The candle and the broom are brought together in Luke 15:8. The candle reveals the dirt and the broom cleans it out. The candle finds the coin and with the broom she drags it out from under the radiator. The candle has no virtue except to reveal. The candle may expose the dirt but the broom and the brush and the mop are needed to remove it. The candle may shine upon the soiled hands or face but has no power nor efficacy for the cleansing of them. Men's schemes and plans for the betterment of the world are of this sort. Investigation committees are formed to investigate difficulty and troubles but the evil remains. Great foundations are established and much money invested for the purpose of ferreting out the causes of crime. The causes are discovered but humanity has no remedy for the trouble after it is exposed. There is only one antidote and preventative and remedy for the ravages of sin, the Lord Jesus by means of His Word and His Sacrifice at Calvary. The clean-up campaigns of men may be likened to the polishing of the railings on a sinking ship, or giving a brush and comb to a bald-headed man.

Christ used the candle in Matthew 5:15 as a type of Christian testimony. Salvation is not a secret. It is not a blessing which we are to hide within our bosoms, nor to cover up with our business nor to secrete in our homes. Our profession and our confession are to be the means of turning many others to Christ and leading the feet of many into the narrow path of peace. The Lord said, "Let your light so shine." Your light is your own. No one else can shine like you do. No one else can say what you should say. No one else can give the testimony that should come from your lips. Be sure the wick is trimmed. Be sure the chimney is clean. Be sure the candle is in a prominent place where everyone can see the light. Christ would have His child as a distinct outstanding testimony for His glory. Let us take advantage of the opportunity and shine brightly, not in a small corner, as the song says, but right out on open highways in the places of concourse.

Gospel Music

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the field of gospel music, Spirit-filled singing in the power of God! In times of declension and when there are no great revivals, some people write songs and choruses; but they are not great revival songs. They are devotional songs with praise for Jesus, but they do not demand decision. Songs like "The Great Judgment Morning," "Ye Must Be Born Again," "I Surrender All," and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," come from Spirit-filled song writers with the revival burden, the soul-winning passion. We need songs that stir people to win souls, songs that call people to consecration, songs that plead with sinners to turn from sin and warn sinners of the dangers of delay and of judgment. When we have that kind of revival preaching in the mighty power of God, we will surely have that kind of songs written and sung. And as such songs are sung by Spirit-filled people, the revival will spread.

Some candles are long and some are short. So the Lord permits some to shine just a short while, a few months or years, at best. Others are granted many years of happy useful ministry covering a full generation. It is the Master's business what size candle He makes. The Master must apply the fire to make it burn. It is our business to keep burning until we burn out for God.

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A Little Bit of Heaven

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and she stops to pick up the Bible from a corner and put it on a table after wiping the dust from it. The door opens. Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in." She says, "Come in, Lord." Jesus enters. This woman is a member of a church, but Christ has not the first place in her heart. She is one of those people who are more afraid of holiness than of sin; more at home in the house of pleasure than in the house of prayer.

Jesus picks up something from the mantle. "What is this?" She says, "A deck of cards." Jesus says, "They will have to go if I stay here." Then He opens a drawer and holds up something that looks like a silk handkerchief. "What is this?"

"That's my ballroom dress." Jesus says: "That must go, too." Jesus goes over to the bookcase. It is full of French novels. "These must go. Whatsoever things are pure, think on these things." Jesus picks up some tobacco from a side shelf. "Does your husband use this?"

"Yes, Lord." "Is he a Christian?" "Yes, Lord." "Has he never read, 'Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?'"

Jesus looks into the refrigerator. There are some bottles of beer. Jesus says, "That will have to go."

Jesus stands before a photograph on the piano. "Whose pic-

ture is that?"

The woman's eyes fill with tears. She says, "That's my eldest boy." Jesus says: "Where is he?"

"I don't know." He ran away from home some years ago and we haven't seen him since."

Jesus says, looking at the tobacco, "Did he smoke cigarettes?" "Yes."

"Did he gamble?"

"Yes."

He looks at the cards and asks, "Do you wonder at it?"

No answer.

"Did he drink?"

"Yes, Lord."

Looking at the refrigerator, Jesus asks, "Do you wonder at it?"

No answer.

Perhaps you think that's an imaginary picture. There are many brokenhearted mothers who could say, "Would God it were only imagination! Would God I had received Him into my home long ago!" If you would have a home like Heaven, open the door to Jesus Christ, for "where Jesus is, 'tis Heaven."

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A Little Bit of Heaven

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no legacy you can leave your children that will be more of a benediction to them than the memory and influence of the altar in the home. You could as soon train up a rose in a coal cellar, as a child to be a Christian in a home where there is no Christ.

And if God should take our children to Himself to adorn His heavenly home, what a comfort to know they will tell the Saviour we tried to influence them aright!

"I shall never forget," said Dr. Norman McLeod, "the impression made upon me during the first year of my ministry by a mechanic whom I visited and on whom I had urged the pressing duty of family prayer. One day that man entered my study and bursting into tears he said, 'You remember that girl, sir? She was my only child; she died this morning. She has gone, I hope, to God. But if so, she can tell Him what now breaks my heart—that she never heard a prayer in her father's house or from her father's lips. Oh, that she were with me but for one day again!'"

How different from the experience of a father of whom Moody wrote. His son had been sick for some time, and one day when he came home to dinner he found his wife weeping. She said, "There has

been a great change in our boy since morning and I am afraid he is dying: I wish you could go in and see him, and if you think he is, I wish you would tell him so, for I cannot bear to."

The father went in and sat down by the bedside, and as he saw that the icy hand of death was feeling for the cords of life, he said: "My son, do you know that you are dying?"

The little fellow looked up at him and said, "No, am I? Is this death that I feel stealing over me, Father?"

"Yes, my son, you are dying."

"Will I live the day out?"

"No, you may die at any moment."

He looked up at his father and said, "Well, I shall be with Jesus tonight, won't I, Father?"

And the father answered, "Yes, my boy, you will spend tonight with the Saviour."

And the father turned away to hide the tears: but he saw the tears and said: "Father, don't weep for me: when I get to Heaven I will go straight to Jesus and tell Him that ever since I can remember you have tried to lead me to Him."

Oh, fathers and mothers, will you not begin from tonight to set

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The Editor's Notes

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There was a deepest earnestness in his face. How could it be arranged that Christian workers of his state could have the privilege of a Sword conference on revival and soul winning?

It is not always and everywhere possible for us to go with such a conference. Some friends are tentatively planning for such a conference at Denver. Wherever there are enough preachers from a wide area who want such a conference and where facilities can be obtained for it, and where I can find the time with a few other anointed soul winners to come and help, we would like to have such conferences. And, thank God, He is raising up the men with a burden for soulwinning and revival and many men at other conferences and in local churches are urging upon Christians to get ready for revival, to put soul winning first, to be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit, to come back to the power of New Testament Christianity and to turn away from worldliness, prideful denominationalism, and ultra-dispensationalism. Pray that God will anoint speakers everywhere to stir preachers and Christian workers. Meantime, we will try to make THE SWORD OF THE LORD burn with holy fire, if God in His mercy will breathe upon us afresh for that purpose.

An Honor We Appreciate

Again, on September 10, I return to Tennessee Temple College and Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the opening of the Bible Institute semester. I will speak in Highland Park Church auditorium. Last year we had some 1,900 people out on a Monday night and hundreds of these were enrolled in the evening classes for Bible study—I believe about 800. Again I hope to stress the work of the Christian and his Bible, how to know it, how to love it, and how to use it in soul winning. Thank God for the work of this great church (of which I have the honor to be a member) in stirring people to use the Word of God and to love it and to win souls. Dr. Lee Roberson is the president of Tennessee Temple Schools, and pastor of the great church. The Bible school, the college, and the seminary are growing strong. We anticipate that the next session will have considerably more than the 500 students in day schools enrolled last year. Pray for Tennessee Temple Schools! Ninety per cent of their graduates go into full-time Christian work and they everyone believe the Bible and are set to win souls.

Thank God for Your Prayers!

I have been heavily burdened the last three weeks. Often I have attended six services a day. In two of the conferences, I presided in more of the services besides speaking twice daily most of the time. I helped in prayer meetings and radio broadcasts. I had individual periods of counseling with burdened people. I tried to raise the money for the expenses and help hold up the level of the high spiritual note with which God blessed the conferences. In these three weeks I have met many, many people who took my hand and said they had longed to know me personally. Many have said they prayed for me every day. Last night, a man and wife drove more than one hundred miles to hear me preach one time. They told me that they loved me and prayed for me. The husband was an army major saved in Boston, Massachusetts, in connection with a tent meeting I held there some years ago.

To all of you who pray for me, I say from the depths of my heart, thank you! I could not keep going without it. Thank God for good health and for peace of mind. Now may God in His mercy give me a new anointing of power for the work of editing THE SWORD OF THE LORD, for the administration of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, for raising money for our Free Literature Fund which helps around the world, and for revival campaigns scheduled ahead for me.

He Does it Every Month

Yesterday a man handed me a check for \$20.00 for the foreign literature which we are giving out freely in Japan, India, Africa, the Philippine Islands, and elsewhere. I thank him; I will send him a receipt also so he may deduct this gift from taxable income. He reminded me, "This is my regular habit; I do it every month." Every month this godly railroad engineer sends money for the spread of the gospel.

I do not say that all your tithes and offerings ought to be sent to the Sword of the Lord Free Literature Fund. You have other responsibilities including your local church and other missionary objectives. But certainly many of you should, every month, have some part in this tremendous work of love for Christ in getting the gospel out to the ends of the earth. In Portugal, in Spain, in France, in Germany, in Africa, in India, in Japan, in the Philippine Islands, people are pleading for us to send them literature. In God's mercy I have been allowed to develop a very simple and scriptural style of writing. It translates easily. It is easily understood. Missionaries tell me that my writing on the simple subjects of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", Hell, Heaven, The Soul-Winner's Fire, Is Jesus God?, The Verbal Inspiration of the Bible, and other such themes are exactly what is needed among the heathen people who want to be saved and the new converts who want to grow in grace. We are

Evangelistic Singers

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- A. Homer Hammontree
- B. Robert Harkness
- C. Ira D. Sankey
- D. Charles M. Alexander
- E. William R. Ramsay
- F. Homer Rodeheaver

doing all we can; how about putting this in your prayers and putting it in your plans and every month sending a gift to the Sword Free Literature Fund? All we want is that you ask the Lord's will and do what He wants you to do. And we believe that money spent here will win more souls to Christ than if spent almost anywhere else in the world. Write us at Wheaton, Illinois. And when you give, be sure to pray!

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4. We need a big printing plant. It would probably cost \$100,000 for the building and machinery. It would greatly reduce our costs, and seems a real necessity. God has the money. Some Christian whom God has richly blessed might make a blessed investment for Christ here, by giving such a building or some of the machinery. How much better to use the money for the Lord than to pay it in income taxes! Other Christians should leave The Sword of the Lord Foundation good sums in their wills. But all who read this can pray that the dear Lord will make His will known and will provide our needs.

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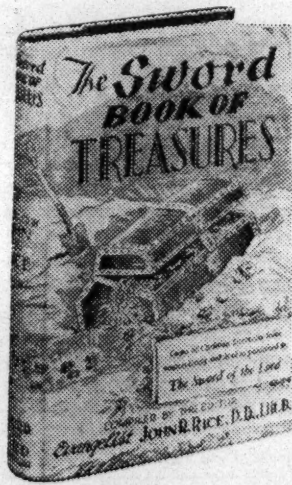
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Crowns of Reward

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that is, through believing the testimony that God has given. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Therefore even the faith by which we are saved is in no sense of ourselves; it is God's gift, for it is not until He gives a testimony that we can believe; but when that testimony comes home to us in the power of the Holy Spirit and we put our trust in it, we are saved. This leaves no place whatever for works as a procuring cause of salvation. Were it otherwise, there would be ground for boasting. If I could obtain a place in Heaven because of my devotion to Christ down here, I would have good reason to congratulate myself for all Eternity upon that very devotion which had led to so blessed a result. But no saint in Heaven will ever give himself credit for anything he has ever done. The song of all the redeemed will be, "Unto Him that loveth us and hath washed us from our sins in His own blood, be glory and honor, dominion, and power and might forever and ever." And yet, in the tenth verse of our passage, we are just as distinctly told that we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works; that is, we did not enter the new creation through good works, but having been brought into this new creation by faith, it is now incumbent upon us, as obedient children, to walk in righteousness before God, living in good works which God has pre-appointed to characterize those who are saved.

In I Corinthians, chapter 3, the apostle tells us of the testing which evidently takes place at the judgment-seat of Christ. Notice verses 11 to 15:

"For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

According to this passage, every

believer is a workman building upon the foundation already laid, which is Jesus Christ. His work may be according to the Spirit, likened unto gold, silver and costly stones, or according to the flesh, and likened unto wood, hay, stubble. The day of manifestation will reveal what is of God and what is not. For that work which abides reward will be given but that which does not abide will disappear in the cleansing fires of judgment, and for the wasted time the believer will suffer loss. His salvation, however, is not in question. He would not appear at this scene of testing if he were not already saved. The destruction of his works does not touch this question. Though everything should be burned up, he, himself, shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

Another helpful passage in this connection is found in Hebrews 10:35, 36:

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

It is to persons already saved that the exhortation comes: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." This same principle was true in olden times, for we read in chapter 11, of Israel's great leader, that,

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

There can be no question but that Moses was already a quickened soul, a child of God, in whom justifying faith dwelt, when he made his great renunciation and gave up a throne for a wilderness tent, for his eye discerned and his heart was set upon the reward in eternal ages, reserved for the one who put the testimony of God before personal comfort and convenience.

A kindred verse is found in Second John, verse 8:

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

No believer can lose his salvation, for that is not in his keeping. We are told this distinctly in John 10:27-29:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

But we may lose at least a portion of our reward.

There are two verses in the Book of Revelation which fit together beautifully in this connection. In chapter 3:11 the Lord announces His near return, saying:

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

In chapter 22:12 He says:

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

These two verses make one thing very clear, which forms the basis of a most interesting and helpful study for our encouragement and warning. The reward spoken of in the latter passage is evidently synonymous with the crown of the other.

Any one can readily see, by turning to the word "crown" in a critical or analytical Bible Concordance, that there are two words

up the family altar in the home? Nothing you can do for your children, yourself, or your home, equals in importance this great step. A Bible, and a place to kneel down; that is a family altar. All Heaven will draw near when you kneel there to pray. Do not say you are ashamed to do it, or it is not convenient. If you are a professing Christian and ashamed to pray before your family, it is because your life is not right. Inconvenient? Shall we seek our convenience before the kingdom of God? Set a time for family worship, either morning, or night, or after the evening meal; and let nothing interfere with it. You will find that the family altar makes home a little bit of Heaven.

We would erect an altar, Lord, to Thee;

And here at morning, noon, or evening pray;

Our household gathered at Thy Throne of Grace,

To seek Thy blessing on our unknown way.

Here would we come to read our daily chart,

Here for our duties, strength and grace obtain;

Here find directions for our faltering feet,

And peace to keep us in life's stress and strain.

O that Thy children everywhere, our God,

May in their homes to Thee an altar raise!

For on our land Thy smile again may rest,

If Thou art honored by our prayer and praise.

4. Offer Thanks at the Table

In America there are some homes where they have neither time nor disposition to give thanks at the table to the Giver of all good things. Now, even a dog will wag his tail if you feed him, and a hog will grunt his thanks. And shall man be behind the brute creation in expression of gratitude? When heads are bowed around the table and thanks is given, we are conscious of the presence of Christ, our heavenly Guest.

5. Let Love Reign

Heaven can come to our homes only when it comes to our hearts. It is not the furniture that makes home like Heaven. It is not the pictures on the wall, nor the rugs

so translated in the New Testament. One is literally "diadem," and refers to the regal circlet worn by a king or emperor. This is the word used in Revelation 12, 13 and 19. In the first instance the Great Red Dragon, "that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan," is seen wearing seven diadems. He is the prince of this world. Then we see the wild-beast of chapter 13—the coming prince of Daniel 9—wearing ten diadems. This is Satan's Man, who will some day arise and will accept the offer that our blessed Lord indignantly spurned when shown all the kingdoms of earth and promised their rulership if He would worship the Adversary. In chapter 19 the descending Lord Himself comes to take the kingdom, and "upon His head are many diadems." He is to rule as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The other word—"stephanos," from which the name "Stephen" comes—is, literally, a victor's wreath. It refers to the chaplet of laurel or other leaves placed upon the brow of the triumphant athlete in the games of old, or the golden band worn upon the head of the victorious general as he marched in triumph through the city amid the plaudits of the people. Subject kings wore a crown of this character in contrast to the imperial diadem. When the soldiery mocked Jesus they put upon Him a crown—or, stephanos—of thorns, the fruit of the curse. Yet He was indeed the victor, even in the hour of His apparent defeat, and He is now "crowned with glory and honor," as He sits at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens.

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A Little Bit of Heaven

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on the floor. It is love reigning in the heart. It is good to have Christ's name on a card on the wall. It is better to have Christ's love and sympathy and tenderness in our hearts. In every home there should be kept two bears! Bear and forbear. Paul said, "Learn first to show piety at home," and by patience with each other's weakness, by sympathy and love, we can make our homes the dwelling place of Christ.

And young people especially need to be reminded of this. Our life is such a whirl of business, and recreation, and church work, that we forget what we owe to our homes.

A father, talking to his careless daughter, said, "I want to speak to you of your mother. It may be that you have noticed a careworn look, upon her face lately. Of course, it has not been brought there by any act of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to get up tomorrow morning and get breakfast, and when your mother begins to express her surprise, go right up to her and kiss her. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face. Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back when you were a little girl she kissed you when no one else was tempted by your fever-tainted breath and swollen face. You were not so attractive then as now. And through those years of childish sunshine and shadows she was always ready to cure by the magic of a mother's kiss the little, dirty, chubby hands whenever they were injured in their first skirmishes with this rough, cold world. And then the midnight kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams as she leaned over your restless pillow have all been of interest these long years. Of course, she is not so pretty and kissable as you are, but if you had done your share of the work during the last ten years, the contrast would not be so marked. Her face has more wrinkles than yours—far more—and yet if you were sick, that face would appear more beautiful than an angel's as it hovered over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort; and every one of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine chasing each other over the dear face. She will leave you one of these days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will break her down. Those rough, hard hands that have done so many unnecessary things for you will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips that gave you your first baby kiss will be closed forever, and those sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity, and then you will appreciate your mother, but it will be too late." Young people, see that you do your part in making home like heaven.

6. Influence of a Christian Character the Best Heritage Parents Can Leave to Their Children

When home is a little bit of Heaven it will serve as an anchor to hold your children to God. Yonder is a man, a Christian. He is anxious that his boys and girls make good. He works hard to make money so that he can give them a good start in life. He works so hard and is so busy that he neglects God's house and God's work. Too busy to do this and that for God. What is the result? The full smile of God is not upon that man; he is not putting first things first. His children do not see that Christlike quality of soul that will be a hallowed, unforgettable influence upon them all the days of their life, and after all his toil and toil, his children turn out utter worldlings, or at best, spiritual weaklings. Fathers and mothers, when shall we learn that manhood is greater than money, character better than coin, and the gracious influence of a godly life more than a university education? It is only by God's grace that our children are going to turn out well.

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A Thousand Preachers

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things are now ready." He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." Here is the love and mercy of God pleading for sinners.

Again, He said, "I have stretched out my hand." Here is a further expression of His love. One would think that a mere invitation would be more than enough to get a sinner started toward God and Heaven, but no, God takes the place of a suppliant and stretches out His hands unto men.

The love of God is beautifully illustrated in His actions toward Israel. They disobeyed Him, doubted Him, and turned from Him to idols, but unto such a people, God said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands."

We are made to think of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, and saying, "How often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not."

Such is the love of God toward sinners who are hastening on the road to Hell. He calls, He stretches forth His hands. What a wonderful picture of love is this! The hand of love stretched out to sinking sin-

ners! When Peter was sinking beneath the waves of Galilee, he said, "Lord, save me!" Then Christ stretched forth His hand and took Peter's hand and brought him to safety. God's hand is a helping hand; the hand of love; the outstretched hand toward every lost one.

Why should God seek to save men who have despised Him and rejected His offers of mercy? There is but one explanation—the love of God, full, free and beyond all comprehension of man. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

II. The Calls of God

Yes, I repeat: God has a thousand preachers for every sinner. He does not let men go down to Hell without calling unto them in a thousand ways to repent of their sins and to believe upon His Son.

Every Bible is a preacher calling men to God. This Bible is God's voice speaking unto you. Respect this Word. Listen to what it says, and respond to its invitation. Every page, every verse, every word is as a preacher calling to you to repent and to believe.

Secondly, God calls in nature. No thinking person can live in this world without hearing the call of God through the world He made. The sun preaches to man. The changing seasons bring their message of life, death, and resurrection. The darkness of night speaks of eternal darkness for men out of Christ. The intricate design of all things in this world speaks of the mighty hand of God and preaches to men that they should consider Him and prepare to meet Him some day. The voice of God calls from every blade of grass, from every wayside tree, from every bird flying through the air, from every bright flower.

Thirdly, everyday happenings are preachers calling to sinners. An illness is a preacher pointing out the frailty of life and the need of divine help. The sickness of members of your family preaches to you of eternal things. Only this week a man told me of his con-

version through the serious illness of his daughter. The doctors despaired of her life. The father felt that she was going to die. God used the emergency to shake his sinful heart and to bring him to salvation.

Every accident is a preacher speaking to your heart. The front page stories of sudden death should make men to realize the brevity of life, the uncertainty of our days, and the rapidity with which tragedies can transport us from this life into the presence of God.

Yes, every death is a preacher. You may try to close your eyes and ears, but the message is driven home just the same. When your baby died, it was God calling to you to repent and believe. When your mother went to be with the Lord, it was God's voice speaking. When your dear wife or loved one was taken from your side, it was another preacher calling on you to repent and believe. God has a thousand preachers for every sinner. There is no way for you to escape here. You cannot plead ignorance. You cannot say, "No one spoke to me."

Fourth, the Holy Spirit is a preacher in this world unto sinners. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts men of sin and points to the Lamb of God. He works through every believer to your heart. He calls, He pleads, He convicts. He does all He can to get you to be saved.

Fifth, then, I cannot pass by the fact that God does call sinners by the ministry of men. We are prone to criticize the ministry, and to accuse preachers of laziness and many other things, but we must still face the fact that God is calling to men through His ministers. Enough gospel is preached in Chattanooga every Sunday to save every soul in the city. We need to thank God for consecrated preachers who take God's call and walk God's way, and call again and again to gainsaying men to repent and believe.

And let it not be overlooked, as we think of sinners, surrounded by a thousand calls, God is using ordinary, everyday people to call out His message to a lost world. Sinners in Chattanooga get a little bit angry at the insistent work of our church. This does not disturb me in the least, for I know full well that there is coming a day when they will see the right of what we have done. In the past our people have gone out knocking on doors, witnessing to the lost. We mean to continue this work and to extend it to every part of our city, and to every person who lives within reach of this church. We are not discouraged by rebuffs, closed doors, hard faces. It is our business to give God's call. It is up to sinners to accept or reject.

Yes, a thousand preachers for every sinner. O sinner, will you hear God's call?

III. The Rejection of Men

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded."

Here is love and mercy rejected. God calls and stretches out His arms. He pleads with men to come and take the water of life. But, sinners push away the divine hand, stop their ears, and refuse.

"Ye refused." This is what sinners are doing all around us. They refuse to come to Christ that they might have life. "No man regarded." Here is more than a refusal—here is a closed ear, a rebuff, and a brutal disregard. "Ye have set at nought all my counsel." The Word of God has been considered as nothing, yet God says that His Word is eternal, and that Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His Word shall not pass away. Sinners make light of the counsels of God.

"Ye would none of my reproof." The warnings of God are thrown to the winds. Reproof is made a matter of jest. The sinner says that there is no Hell, no punishment, no judgment.

Sinner friend, you have heard God's calls. He is calling you in a thousand ways, but what have you done? Up to this time you have refused. You have set at nought His counsel. You have laughed at His reproof.

And now, I want to announce a fearful truth. God says, "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Men are laughing and scoffing and reviling today, but listen—one day God will be laughing. As you have treated God, so will God treat you. You may be saying, "But I do not understand how God could do such a thing." Then I will ask you, "Do you laugh at God? Have you refused His outstretched hands. Have you turned away from His invitations? How have you been able to do this?" If you can explain that, then I'll explain to you how one day God will laugh at your calamity and mock when your fear cometh. One day the tables will be turned. One day you will reap what you have sown.

It was Sam Jones who told the story of the wealthy man who had an only son. The boy was the pride of his heart. He sent him to college. He did everything that he could to make him a real man; but when the boy came home from school, instead of an educated, refined, gentleman, he returned a drunken sot.

After coming home as a drunk, the father continued to give the boy every kindness and to seek to help him to overcome his weakness. The boy went from bad to worse, and the father was under great strain because of the sin of the boy.

One day the father drove into town, got out of his carriage, and started walking down the sidewalk. He met his drunken son. The boy, in a rage from the whisky, took hold of his father, cursed him, and handled him roughly. The father turned and went away, and returned to his home. As loved ones watched him, they could see from his face that an awful change was taking place in his mind and heart. When he arrived home, he walked down to the far edge of a grove of trees. When he reached the farthest point from the house, he was seen to clasp his hands above his head and give the most awful screams that ever escaped human lips. He took his hands down and then placed his hands above his head again, and a wail of infinite despair, as loud almost as human voice could be pitched, escaped his lips. Then he threw his hands up one more time, and such another wail, scarcely ever greeted the ear of human beings! Then he turned calmly around and walked back to the house.

In about half an hour the drunken boy came staggering up the steps and the father met him on the porch. The father turned him around and sent him away with these words, "Stay off these premises forever. You are no longer anything to me. I have cut loose from you forever."

Ten days from that time the poor miserable boy died in the gutter. His father did not go near him. He did not attend the funeral. He paid no more attention than if he had been a stranger.

I say that this is a sad story, but it illustrates an eternal principle in the judgements of God. Men who laugh and mock at God, and refuse His Son, will one day have to face God's refusal of them. This is a solemn thought, and should shake and move the heart of every person here.

A few moments ago I mentioned Christ weeping over Jerusalem. If there is ever a place on the earth that Christ loved, it was Jerusalem. He longed for the place and prayed for the people, and one day He poured out His lament over the city, and closed with these words, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

Now is the time to consider your course, repent of your sins, and believe on Christ. If you lightly shake your head and refuse him, then one day the same shall be measured out to you.

Don't delay. Come to Christ now. This is the hour to settle the question of your salvation.

Someone tells the story of the woman who could not sleep because of her soul's distance from God. She got up and wrote in her diary, "One year from now I will attend to the matter of my soul." She retired, but she could not sleep, so she arose again, and wrote a better promise in her diary, "One month from now I

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I beg you in Jesus' name to decide this matter now, once and for all. Do you admit that you are a poor lost sinner? Are you tired of your sin and the danger and condemnation of sin? Then will you here and now, wherever you read this, turn to Jesus Christ and trust Him as your own Saviour? Will you depend upon Him, rely upon Him, risk Him to save your soul as He offers to do? If you will, then say yes down in the depths of your heart. Say it once and forever! Admit to God you are a sinner. Tell Him that you believe what He says about loving you and wanting you to be saved. Tell Him that you will depend upon Jesus, that you will risk Him and then that you will live for Him. Tell Him that you will claim Christ as your own Saviour before others. Do it today!

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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Lee Roberson's sermon, "A Thousand Preachers for Every Sinner." I admit that I am a poor lost sinner. I want Jesus Christ to forgive me and save me now. I believe that He loves me, that He died for me, that He promised to forgive me if I would but trust Him. So here and now I turn from my sin to trust Jesus Christ. I depend on Him to forgive my sins and save my soul. I will claim Him as my Lord and my Saviour, and try to live for Him from this day forth.

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Crowns of Reward

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Who fought the fight alone,
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By weakness and defeat
He won the meed and crown,
Trod all our foes beneath His feet
By being trodden down.

And He, the Overcomer whom the Father Himself has crowned, is the Judge of the contests in which His saints are engaged, and will in due time sit upon the Bema—the judgment-seat—and give to the overcomers the crowns they have won in the conflict with sin. We have a list of the heroes of faith who have fought and overcome in Hebrews 11, and in chapter 12 we read,

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."—vss. 1, 2.

Bless, bless the Conqueror slain;
Slain in His victory;
He lived, He died, He lives again,
For thee, His Church, for thee.

We likewise are running a race and for us as for Him there is a crown at the end. It is of this the apostle Paul writes when he speaks of

"An Incorruptible Crown,"

in I Corinthians 9:24. He has been speaking of service—of his own call to preach the gospel—of the importance of faithfully fulfilling his ministry; and then he uses the striking illustration of these closing verses:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."

It is not salvation of which he speaks. We do not obtain the gift of God—eternal life—by diligence, or by "running."

"It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy."—Rom. 9:16.

But we are, as Christians, running a race—we are contending in the arena—and for the victors there are fairer crowns than ever were bestowed on the winners in the Olympic games or on the battle-fields of earth. Let us then see to it that we so run that we may obtain the reward.

In the next verse he goes on to remind them that "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." The youth who would win the race is careful to subdue his natural appetites, to "train down" to the proper weight, to hold himself in check lest by self-indulgence on any line he unfit himself for the contest.

"Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible."

In a few hours the laurel wreath will fade or the metallic circle tarnish and corrode. We are striving for an imperishable prize, a crown that is incorruptible.

All believers who die will be raised in the first resurrection to incorruptibility (as I Cor. 15 assures us), but the incorruptible crown is the prize for faithfully running the Christian race. It is the Master's "Well Done!" at the end of the course.

With such a reward in view, what an incentive do I have for holy living—for self-denying devotion to Christ. Into this Paul himself fully entered. He says;

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

This last word is the negative form of the word that means "approved," or "rejected."

The apostle covets above all else the Lord's approval. He would receive the victor's incorruptible wreath at the hands of Him who once wore the crown of thorns. With this in view he will not permit the body to be master. He will hold its tendencies in check that he may not by any possibility bring dishonor on his Lord's name through any carnal indulgence, and so miss His approbation at last.

How many a one has preached to others who has been set aside as a servant and—in some instances—proves utterly unworthy even to bear the name of Christian because he has not held his body under but has given way to fleshly lusts and passions which war against the soul.

To preach well is but to increase one's condemnation if one does not live well. Like the clean beasts of old, mouth and foot must agree, speech and walk must both be according to godliness, if one would win the crown.

The race may seem long, and the way rough and difficult, but the reward is sure for him who keeps his eye on Christ and follows on in the footprints He has left on the wilderness road. To save one's life is to lose it. To lose it now for His name's sake is to keep it unto life eternal, and thus to win the incorruptible crown.

"The Crown of Rejoicing"

In I Thessalonians the second coming of our Lord occupies the prominent place. It may be said to be the theme of the epistle. In some aspect it is referred to in every chapter. In chapter 1 we

read of the Thessalonian believers that they had

"Turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven."

Waiting for the Son—and serving while they wait! What blessed and holy occupation was theirs! May it be ours too.

In chapter 3 (for I pass over chapter 2 for the moment) they were exhorted to holiness of life in view of "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints."

The "blessed hope" is a purifying hope, and an incentive to godly living. "Every man," we are told, "that hath this hope in Him (or, set on Him) purifieth himself even as He is pure."

The rapture—the order of events when the Lord descends to call away His saints—is unfolded most precisely in chapter 4, while in chapter 5 we have perfect sanctification reached at last at "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (vs. 23).

But what about chapter 2? In that particular section the apostle is writing of his own service and the ministry of his fellow-laborers in view of this glorious event. He thinks of the Lord's return as the time of manifestation and reward—the time when the servant's works will all be examined and pronounced upon by the Lord Him-

self. It will be then that the results of his own years of toil and travail will be fully made known. Of this he is assured: the souls he has led to Christ will be a cause of thanksgiving then. So he writes—and to his own converts, be it noted—

"What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

He speaks in a similar strain in Philippians 4:1:

"My brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown."

They too were the fruit of his ministry, and, like the Corinthians, the seal of his apostleship in the Lord.

How sweet and tender the relationship between the minister of the Word and those he has led to Christ! And when I write "minister of the Word," I do not mean one in a clerical office, or some official position, but any believer who ministers the truth of the gospel to another and so leads him to Christ.

Those thus saved through our testimony will be to us a crown of rejoicing in that day. To see them safe in the glory, singing the praises of the Lamb who redeemed them, and then to realize

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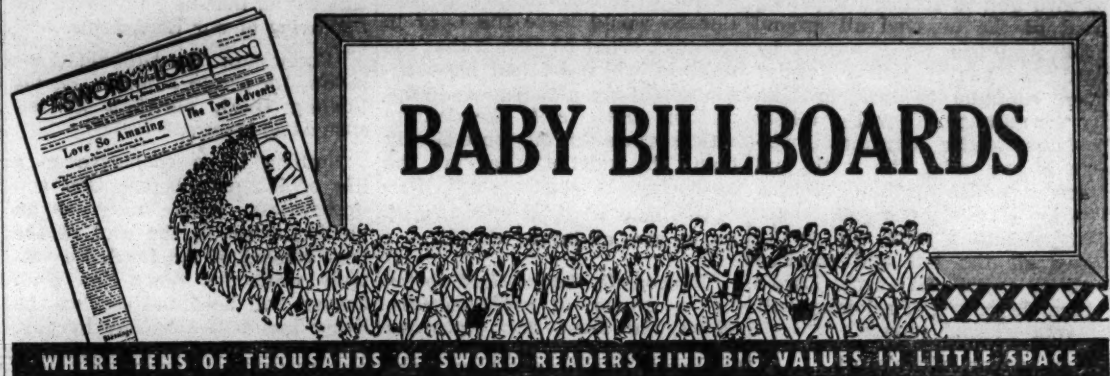
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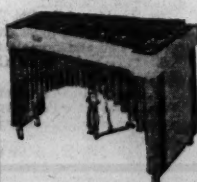
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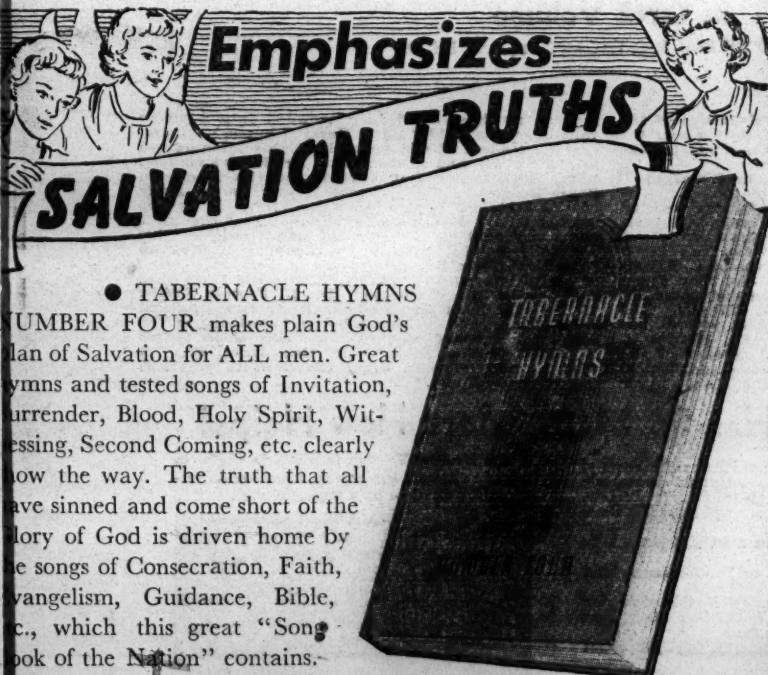
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Crowns of Reward

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But as intimated above it is not only those divinely called to preach who may win this crown. We are all called to witness for Christ, to seek to win others to know Him "whom to know is life eternal." And it is written in the Word, "He that is wise winneth souls" (R.V.). Oh, to have the wisdom that will enable us to turn many to righteousness!

Soul-winning is not, in itself, an arbitrary gift. It is something that may be cultivated by exercise and communion with God. He fits us for such blessed and honorable service.

The first requisite is to realize the need of men, their lost condition. Have you ever asked God to give you to feel the appalling need of the unsaved all around you? And has He answered by burdening you for their souls? Then continue to look to Him for the message. He will give holy boldness, tender compassion, wisdom in presenting the truth, and grace to persist in spite of rebuffs. The joy of seeing one poor sinner changed into a saint will amply repay all the toil and exercise here on earth, and at the Lord's return the crown of rejoicing will be your eternal reward.

Go on, go on, there's all Eternity to rest in, And far too few are on the Active Service List; No labor for the Lord is Risky to invest in, But nothing will make up Should His 'Well Done' be missed.

And let us not forget the other side. It is written, "He that withholdeth corn the people shall curse him." The unsaved may not relish being spoken to now. But a day will come when they will blame us if we passed them by without a warning word or a kindly message of grace. We have the food for which they are dying. We know they are doomed without the gospel. And shall we selfishly and coldly leave them to die without an honest endeavor to awaken them to a sense of their need and make them realize a Saviour's love?

Will not the remembrance of such unfaithfulness make us "ashamed before Him at His coming?"

Must I go and empty-handed, Thus my dear Redeemer meet? Not one sheaf with which to greet Him, Lay no trophy at His feet?

It need not be. Each one may in his measure be a winner of souls, and thus gain a crown of rejoicing in that day of all days so soon to dawn. What is needed is willingness to be used. Someone has said, "God has wonderful things to display if He could only get the show-cases." Paul was such a "show-case"; "that in me," he says, "Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering." Oh, may we too—you and I, my reader—be used to display the grace of Christ to a lost world and to attract men to Himself. Such will be our joy and crown when He returns to reckon with His servants.

"The Crown of Righteousness"

Second Timothy 4 is a marvelous chapter to have been penned by a worn old man in a Roman death-cell, just waiting for the summons to the last act of a martyrdom that had already lasted half of an ordinary life-time. It was probably written from an underground dungeon in the Mamertine Prison. After a few years' liberty following his first imprisonment, Paul had been re-arrested and sentenced to death for the fearful crime of preaching "another King, one Jesus!" His had been a life of almost incredible hardships for the gospel's sake and now his sun seemed to be setting in a night of darkness and unrelieved gloom.

But the aged apostle did not so consider it. Whatever the then-present sufferings he saw the glory beyond. And his valedictory letter to his companion in many journeys and conflicts ends with a note of triumph such as this

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"I am now ready to be offered," he exclaims—thinking of himself as a victim about to be placed on the altar of sacrifice—"and the time of my departure is at hand." The word for "departure" is "exodus," the same word used by Peter in his second epistle (1:15), where it is translated "decease." For these men of God death was not a lapsing into unconsciousness, but a "going-out" of the body in order to be "present with the Lord."

Looking back over his long record, Paul can say without affectation:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

It was not merely that he had fought well. Undoubtedly he had. But he would leave the Lord to say that. What he says is that the fight in which he had been engaged was the good cause—in opposition to the evil. The definite article brings this out more clearly than the indefinite as in the Authorized Version.

And now what of the future? Ah, he sees all bright ahead!

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing!"

May we not say that this last expression gives us the secret of Paul's devotion to the cause of righteousness? He loved—loved passionately—the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore he could count all else but dross that he might win Christ's approval in that day of manifestation.

All believers are "made the righteousness of God in Christ." To every one who has trusted Him He is Jehovah Tsidkenu, "The Lord our Righteousness."

But the crown of righteousness is the reward—as distinguished from "the gift of righteousness"—which will adorn the brow of every one who has manifested by a life of practical righteousness and devotion to the Saviour's interests in this world, that he truly loved the appearing of our Lord Jesus.

"Every man that hath this hope in him [or set on Him, i.e., on the Coming One], purifieth himself even as he is pure."

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Oh, how small and insignificant will the things that worldlings and carnal Christians live for, seem "in that day!" May we then truly so love His appearing as to gladly follow His steps now.

Unto Thee, the homeless Stranger,
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Thy reproach, far richer treasure
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Then when He returns, what joy unbounded will it be to receive from His pierced hand the crown of righteousness, the evidence of His approval and the recognition of a righteous life.

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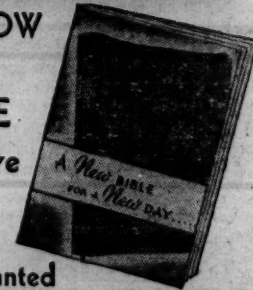
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